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SUMMARY: SYG DISCOURAGED PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS IN DRAFT COMMUNIQUE, AND PERMREPS AGREED THAT TEXT ACCEPTABLE ON CONDITION THAT SOVIETS ALSO ACCEPT IT AND ARE PREPARED TO INSERT SATISFACTORY DATE FOR MBFR NEGOTIATIONS. DANISH PERMREP INFORMED NAC ON JUNE 20 VIENNA CONTACTS WITH SOVIETS. END SUMMARY.

1. SYG RECALLED THAT NAC ON APRIL 27 HAD ASKED TO APPROVE FINAL PACKAGE FROM VIENNA. AD HOC GROUP CHAIRMAN ON JUNE 9 HAD FORWARDED TO NAC A REPORT ON DRAFT COMMUNIQUE, WITH RECOMMENDATION THAT IT BE APPROVED ONCE A SATISFACTORY DATE COULD BE INSERTED. NAC
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MIGHT REVIEW DRAFT COMMUNIQUE NOW ON THIS UNDERSTANDING.

2. GREEK PERMREP (CHORAFAS) SAID HE HAD TWO PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS. THE FIRST WAS TO MOVE WORDS " IN CENTRAL EUROPE " FROM THE

END OF THE DESCRIPTION OF THE TALKS TO THE MIDDLE, SO THAT DESCRIPTION WOULD READ " MUTUAL REDUCTION OF FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE AND ASSOICATED MEASURES." PURPOSE OF CHANGE WAS TO ALLOW FOR CONSTRAINTS IN WIDER AREA, E. G., SOVIET WESTERN MD' S. SYG IMMEDIATELY RESPONDED THAT TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE HAD BEEN AGREED UPON AD REF BY VIENNA EMISSARIES AFTER DELICATE NEGOTIATIONS, AND THAT SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES WOULD OPEN PANDORA' S BOX. CHORFAS REPLIED THAT TEXT IS NOT FINAL, SINCE SOVIETS HAVE NOT YET AGREED TO IT. HIS SECOND PROPOSAL WAS TO CLARIFY THE WORK " PARTY" IN THE PHRASE " UNDIMINISHED SECURITY FOR EACH PARTY" IN THIRD PARAGRAPH OF COMMUNIQUE. SYG POINTED OUT THAT SOVIETS UNDERSTOOD " PARTY" IN THIS CASE TO REFER TO ALL 19 PARTICIPANTS IN TALKS, ACCORDING TO AHG CHAIRMAN' S EXPLANATION.

3. IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION ONLY NORWEGIAN REP SUPPORTED GREEK PROPOSALS. OTHERS, INCLUDING TURKEY, BELGIUM, ITALY, NETHERLANDS, DENMARK EXPRESSED VARIOUS DEGREES OF SYMPATHY WITH GREEK INTENT BUT WERE WILLING TO ACCEPT PRESENT TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE WITHOUT AMENDMENTS, ON UNDERSTANDING THAT TEXT ALLOWS LATITUDE FOR ALLIES TO INTRODUCE TOPICS THEY CHOOSE IN NEGOTIATIONS. BELGIAN PERMREP RECALLED " PRESUMPTUOUS" ROMANIAN PROPOSAL TO ADD " NOR FOR ANY COUNTRY IN EUROPE" AFTER " UNDIMINISHED SECURITY FOR EACH PARTY." BELGIUM WOULD HAVE PREFERRED THAT PHRASE READ SIMPLY " UNDIMINISHED SECURITY IN EUROPE." BUT WOULD NOT PRESS CHANGE UNLESS SOVIETS FOR THEIR PART PROPOSED FURTHER CHANGES. UK AND U. S. REPS STATED ON INSTRUCTIONS THAT PRESENT TEXT ACCEPTABLE, WITH INSERTION OF SATISFACTORY DATE.

4. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY, BELGIAN PERMREP CONFIRMED THAT AUSTRIANS HAD FORMALLY ACCEPTED VIENNA VENUE FOR NEGOTIATIONS, SO THAT THERE WOULD BE NO DIFFICULTY WITH LAST PARAGRAPH OF COMMUNIQUE.

5. SYG SAID THERE SEEMED TO BE CONSENSUS ON PRESENT TEXT, PROVIDED THAT SOVIETS CAME FORTH WITH AN ACCEPTABLE DATE AND DID NOT PROPOSE ANY FURTHER CHANGES. IF SOVIETS DID WANT FURTHER CHANGES, GREEK IDEAS WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED ALSO.

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6. DANISH PERMREP REPORTED THAT AHG HAD ASKED DANISH AHG CHAIRMAN TOGETHER WITH U. S. REP TO CONTACT SOVIETS AND ASK FOR PLENARY SESSION IN VIENNA NO LATER THAN JUNE 28. CONTACT HAD BEEN MADE IN MORNING OF JUNE 20, AND SOVIET REP KHLESTOV HAD STATED THAT HE EXPECTED INSTRUCTIONS ON DATE FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITHIN ONE OR TWO DAYS.

7. SYG CONCLUDED THAT IF SOVIET INSTRUCTIONS WERE PROMPT AND FAVORABLE, NAC COULD GIVE FINAL APPROVAL OF COMMUNIQUE TEXT WITH DATE AT NAC MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MORNING OF JUNE 22. RUMSFELD

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